## IRISH LAND PURCHASE ACTS.

RETURN giving, by Counties and Provinces, the Area, the Poor Law Valuation, and Purchase-money of (a) shade sold and (b) lands in respect of which proceedings have been instituted and are pending for as under the Irish Land Purchase Arts; also the estimated Area, Poor Law Valuation, and Purchase money of lends in respect of which proceedings for sale have not been instituted under the mid Acts.

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## INTRODUCTORY MEMORANDUM.

The accompanying Return gives, by provinces and counties, the result of proceedings up to the 30th April last under the Act of 1903 and all the prior Laud Purchase Acts, together with an approximate estimate of the purchase price of agricultural lands unsold at that date. The totals revised as far as possible to the 31st October, 1908, are also given.

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The estimated purchase-money of the lands unsold has been arrived at as follows :---The total Poor Law Valuation of the lands sold and pending for all

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under all the Land Purchase Acts up to the 30th April, 1908, amounting to £4,391,337 (cols. 4, 8, 12, 16) has been deducted from the total valuation (£10,061,667) of the agricultural holdings (Col. 24) as given in Table 68 of the General Census Report of 1901, and the balance (£5,670,330) is taken to be the valuation of the holdings unsold on the 30th April, 1908. Multiplying this £5,670,330 by the number of years purchase of the valuation of the lands sold under the Act of 1903, the result represents approximately the purchase price of the unsold lands. Worked out for each county, the estimated total purchase money of the lands unsold on the 30th April, 1908. is £121,959,358 (Col. 21.) In the interval between the 30th April and the 31st October, 1908, proceedings were instituted for the sale of fands representing a purchase-money of £18,027,510, so that the estimated purchase money of lands unsold on the 31st October, 1908, is £103,931,848." thus be seen that, adding to this sum the amount advanced up to the 31st October, 1908 (£25,675,547) and the amount agreed to but not advanced on that date (£53,961,001), the total amount of purchase-money under the Act of 1903 is estimated at £183,568;395 (Col. 9 of Summary to Return).

(3) the basis of contage of lands sold and under the Act of 1993,

Making an estimate on the basis of area (instead of Poor Law Valuation) the approximate purchase money of the lands unsold on the 30th April, 1908, is £117,481,202; i.e., doducting the area of the lands sold and agreed to be sold (Cols. 3, 7, 11, 13) from the total area of the agricultural holdings (Col. 23), the balance represents the area unsold, and, estimating the price of this area, by counties, at the average all round rate per agre paid in each county for lands sold under the Act of 1903, the price works out as £117,481,202 on the 30th April, 1908, or £102,078,443 on the 31st October.

(3) On backy of koldinge sold or agreed to be sold 1903.

No reliable estimate of the purchase-money of the lands unsold can, is the opinion of the Commissioners, be calculated on the bouss of the number of holdings. In the Report of the Census of Ireland, 1901, the number of agricultural holdings is stated to be 490,301, but this return, though under the Act of nominally a return of " holdings" is really a return of " landholders," that is to say, if a tenant holds half a dozen farms in the same county, he is returned as laying a single holding of their combined valuation. According to the Agricultural Statistics of Ireland, 1907, published by the Department of Agriculture, there are 599,872 holdings (including agricultural holdings not exceeding one acre), and the number of occupiers is given as 552,997. The total number of holdings sold and agreed to be sold under the Land Purchase Acts up to the 31st October, 1908, is 316,984, which includes holdings not exceeding one acre, such as village and town holdings, &c., which

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age not included in either of the published Statistics neutrinosal but in respect, of which advances have been or may be under under the Act of 100.2. In this connection is should be transfered that as regards many "bodings" in Ireland, the acrossine "bodings" includes a number of separate "ratings" for Pool Law Valutsion purposes. The "ratings" are often returned as "bodings" of the other hand, there are laude of conderions determined in respect of which there is only one "rating," and such lands may eventually become several "pullings" for the purposes of advances under the Land Perchase Acts.

Taking, however, the number of holdings in Irstands as that returned in the Agricultural Statistics, 99972, and classificating the number of holdings and or agreed to be sold on the 31st October, 1994, (01594), the number of holdings remaining unseed to that that superare to be 25928. Chamilton the sold and agreed to be sold most the Acts of 1963, the price of the 522-58 and holdings voming the 1994 to 1994 the 1994 the 1994 the 1994 and the size of the Poer Fourtries and 1120/275, 445 estimated regime can be placed on the estimate based on the scatter of sold-fourtries.

It will be observed that the Purchase-money of the agricultural leads not yet brought before the Commissioners for sale under the Land Purchase Acts has been estimated on the assumption that it will all be sold, and that it will sold, on the average, at the prince for which lands had been sold up to the 30th April last, under the Irish Land Act, 1903.

(Signed),

JOHN T. DRENNAN, Assistant Secretary.

Estates Commissioners' Offices, Dublia, 28th Normber, 1908.

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